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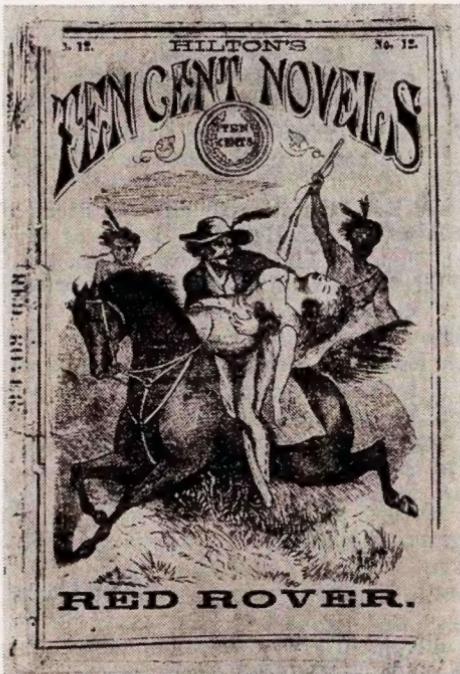
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HILTON'S TEN CENT NOVELS

Publisher: W. E. Hilton, 128 Nassau St., New York, N. Y. Issues: 2, numbered 11 and 12 (earlier issues of the series were titled Hilton's Dime Books and Hilton's Union Novels. See DNRU No. 483 for full discussion of this series.) Dates: 1871 (from copyright date of No. 12). Schedule of issue: Unknown. Size: 6 1/4 x 4 1/8". Pages: 100. Price: 10c. Illustrations: Pictorial cover on salmon colored paper similar to Beadles Dime Novels. Contents: Frontier, Sea and romances.

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In the firm's early days Beadle & Company experimented with cloth or board bound books. Professor Johannsen recorded three such attempts in "The House of Beadle & Adams," namely "The American Library Tales" (London), "The Standard Library of Romance" (New York) and a special edition of "Maum Guinea" (London). This part is devoted mainly to a short lived fourth experiment, which escaped Mr. Johannsen's research net.

An advertisement of a Beadle's American Series edition of "Mary Derwent. A Tale of the Early Settlers" by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens (Price is in boards with frontispiece) appeared in numbers XI and XII of Beadle's Sixpenny American Library (No. XI—"The Golden Belt" by Colin Barker and No. XII—"Sybil Chase; or, The Valley Ranche. A Tale of California Life" by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens), which were issued on 1 January and 1 February 1862 respectively.

The choice of "Mary Derwent" for this special treatment is not hard to find, seeing that its length (189 pages) is up to a third more than that of tales published in the firm's sixpenny publications.

An advertisement of Beadle's American Series on the back cover of the registration copy of "Mary Derwent" in the British Museum, includes "Maum Guinea," selling at 1s 6d in boards and at 2s 6d in cloth, with four illustrations to each edition.

"Maum Guinea and Her Plantation Children. A Story of Christmas Week with the American Slaves" by Mrs. Metta V. Victor was advertised at the back of Beadle's American Sixpenny Library No. X ("Myra the Child of Adoption. A Romance of Real Life" by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens), which was published on 2 December 1861.

The British Museum registration copy of "Maum Guinea" is the cloth bound edition, which makes no mention of Beadle's American Series. This edition is the Special Publication recorded by Professor Johannsen in "The House of Beadle and Adams" (Vol. I—Page 119). The binding is plain on the back and front covers, except for a decorative border blind stamped on the mauve cloth. On the spine the following appears, all in gold: MAUM / GUINEA / (these two words within an ornamental rectangle) / (Leaf ornament) / Christmas Week / Among The / AMERICAN / SLAVES / (ornamental rule / Mrs. VICTOR / (the figure of a Southern lady of the American Civil War period) / Beadle & Co. / Illustrated (these four words within a line framed rectangle, which is itself framed above and below by a double rule).

I have no evidence that the 1s 6d boards edition of "Maum Guinea" was uniform in format with the Beadle's American Series edition of "Mary Derwent," but it is reasonable to think that such was the case.

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Anyway it seems certain that Beadle's American Series was not a financial success for, by 1 October 1862, "Mary Derwent" was included amongst a list of Beadle's Sixpenny publications in the advertisement in Beadle's American Sixpenny Library No. XX ("The Hunter's Cabin. An Episode of the Early Settlements of Southern Ohio" by Edward S. Ellis). A comparison of the Beadle's American Series and Beadle's Sixpenny Tales editions of "Mary Derwent" revealed that the texts were identical—(7) to 189 pages, with J. Clayton of 17, Bouverie Setreet, London given as the printer. The obvious deduction from this evidence is that "Mary Derwent" was relegated to Beadle's Sixpenny Tales because it was not selling at 1s in boards. Evidently Beadle used the stocks of texts of "Mary Derwent" remaining unsold with a Beadle's Sixpenny Tales wrapper substituted for the Beadle's American Series boards cover.

The probability of the above theory being correct is strengthened by the fact that the other issues in Beadle's Sixpenny Tales (see "The House of Beadle & Adams : Vol. I : pages 119 and 120 for full particulars) were all of normal dime novel length for the period (i.e., up to about 130 pages) whereas, of course, "Mary Derwent" ran to 189 pages.

By courtesy of The British Museum, a reproduction of the cover of the



Beadle's Sixpenny Tales edition of "Mary Derwent" appears in this issue of the Round-Up. You will note that the wrappers of Beadle's Sixpenny Tales—not illustrated in "The House of Beadle & Adams"—were ornamental. As a result the format was uniform for all the issues in the series whereas, in the case of Beadle's American Sixpenny Library, where the frontispiece was reproduced on the front of the wrapper, only the overall format frame was uniform. Another difference between the two series is that the Sixpenny Tales were not numbered. Why Beadle thought it necessary to publish two sixpenny series of similar content at one and the same time is puzzling. If the Beadle's Sixpenny Tales had been confined to non-fiction works, a logical explanation would emerge. As it is, the fact that a majority of the eleven issues were fiction leaves us with a mystery that looks insoluble.

End of Part I

ANOTHER SCIENCE FICTION ANTHOLOGY BY SAM MOSKOWITZ

The shelf of books edited and compiled by Sam Moskowitz continues to grow and continues to amaze me by his intimate knowledge of the little

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DR. ROBERT DARTT DIES

Dear Eddie:

I have some sad news to impart, that one of our members, Dr. Robert Dartt has passed away at age 65 at Mountainside Hospital, December 4, 1973. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery December 7 with military honors. Dr. Dartt was a native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, attending the local high school and the two local colleges, getting his degree at Moravian. He was awarded a Doctor of Education degree from Rutgers University. Dr. Dartt served in the armed forces for over 20 years retiring with the rank of Captain from the U. S. Navy. He, for a time, owned and published a newspaper in Clinton, N. Y.

For many years Dr. Dartt was a collector and enthusiast for the works of George A. Hentl although this was not his exclusive interest as he was partial to several other juvenile authors. Dr. Dartt traveled thousands of miles in his quest for information for his "Bibliography of Henty" and has also acted as a consultant to a titled personage in England, flying over during sales of Henty First Editions. Dr. Dartt was in the process of completely revising and updating his Bibliography for as he wrote me. "a great deal of new information had come to light."

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A large increase of duplicates with no place to dispose of them. Nit-picking with fellow collectors over edition, condition, color of covers, etc.

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